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SUBJECT: REDUCTION IN MAAGS

REF: NEW DELHI 12262, 201235Z AUG. 76

1. EMBASSY/DAO WISH TO ADD TO CURRENT DISCUSSIONS ON MAAG REDUCTIONS. CURRENT SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO NEPAL IS \$35,000 ANNUALLY. THIS IS SUFFICIENT FOR SENDING FOUR NEPALESE MILITARY OFFICERS TO THE U.S. FOR ACADEMIC TRAINING. NO EQUIPMENT, TRANSFERS OR SALES HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE 1968. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR NAPAL WOULD CHANGE IN THE NEAR OR LONG TERM FUTURE.

2. THE USDAO KATHMANDU MAY HAVE TO CLOSE NEXT YEAR DUE TO SPACE CUTS BY DIA. A FINAL DECISION ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE DAO WILL BE MADE LATER THIS YEAR BY DIA. IF THIS OCCURS, IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE USDAO ARMY ATTACHE NEW DELHI WOULD ALSO BE ACCREDITED TO NEPAL AS IS THE CASE NOW WITH THE AIR ATTACHE
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NEW DELHI.

3. ODRI NEW DELHI PRESENTLY ADMINISTERS THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR GOI PARTICIPATION IN CONSTRUCTION OF EAST/WEST HIGHWAY IN NEPAL. ODRI PERSONNEL MAKE APPROXIMATELY FOUR VISITS ANNUALLY TO NEPAL TO INVENTORY AND CHECK ON THE OPERABILITY OF USDOD-PROVIDED CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT.

4. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, IT WOULD APPEAR MORE EFFICIENT FOR ODRI NEW DELHI TO ADMINISTER THE VERY MINIMAL US SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR NEPAL.

FOR NEW DELHI: YOU MAY WISH TO DISCUSS FOREGOING WITH DCM EAVES UPON HIS ARRIVAL NEW DELHI SEPT. 5.
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